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Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

Summary

The present addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields contains a resolution adopted by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean at the twenty-fourth session of its Committee of the Whole, held in New York on 5 June 2007. The Commission holds its sessions biennially during even years.

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I. Matters calling for action by the Council

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

1. At the twenty-fourth session of its Committee of the Whole, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean approved the following draft resolution for adoption by the Economic and Social Council:

Draft resolution I
Admission of the Republic of Korea as a member State of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind that the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean was established by the Economic and Social Council by its resolution 106 (VI) of 25 February 1948, in which the Council stated that membership of the Commission shall be open to States Members of the United Nations in Northern, Central and South America and in the Caribbean area and to France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,

Bearing in mind also that the Commission was established on the basis of the participation of all the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, plus those that have had special relations of a historical, cultural, geographical or economic nature with the region,

Recalling that, in that spirit, the Commission subsequently admitted the following countries: Spain in 1979, Portugal in 1984, Italy in 1990, Germany in 2005 and Japan in 2006,

Considering that the Government of the Republic of Korea has communicated to the Commission, through the Executive Secretary, its desire to be admitted as a member of the Commission,[1]

1. *Welcomes* the request from the Government of the Republic of Korea that the country be admitted as a member of the Commission;

2. *Approves* the admission of the Republic of Korea as a member of the Commission, and authorizes to this effect the amendment of paragraph 3 (a) of the terms of reference of the Commission to include the name of the Republic of Korea after that of Portugal.

II. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

2. At the twenty-fourth session of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, delegations welcomed the Commission's analysis and presentation on the economic and social performance, and the challenges and prospects in the region. In particular, the analytical findings

[1] See LC/L.2725 (PLEN.24/3).

and recommendations of the Commission's publication, *Social Cohesion: Inclusion and a Sense of Belonging in Latin America and the Caribbean*, received high praise from the delegations. The delegations also commended work of the Commission relating to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in the region and cited the regional report as an important instance of inter-agency cooperation and as a useful, substantive example for the promotion of system-wide coherence. The delegations expressed confidence that the regional commissions would continue to contribute to system-wide coherence at their respective regional levels.